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## **City of Manchester** *Fire Department*

**Press Release**  
**1/29/2024**

**Incident Type:** Sanitation Truck Rescue

**Address:** 193 Beech Hill Dive

**Dispatch:** 12:49

**Under Control:** 13:20

**Resources:** ALS1,3, Squad 1, Engine 9, Truck Co. 7, Rescue Co. 1, Car 1

**Description of Incident:** Companies arrived on scene for a female who was stuck in the rear of a garbage truck after the truck had emptied a dumpster and had reportedly compacted the garbage up to 4 times. Contact was made with patient through a side access panel. The patient was standing and talking/yelling but was not alert enough to answer questions. Access was made through the top of the truck via ground ladders. A firefighter from R1 and T7 along with officer from E9 entered the truck and assessed the patient. The patient was immobilized with c-spine precautions and placed inside a stokes basket with backboard. The stokes was removed via 4-point harness attached to the underneath of Truck 7's bucket. The officer from R1 and other FF from T7 operated the truck via the bucket. FF's from other crews assisted atop the garbage truck with equipment and manpower. The patient and patient care was transferred to AMR. Remaining FF from E9 assisted AMR with patient care and driving the ambulance to Elliot Hospital.

**Civilian Injuries:** 1 Female patient. Name and address withheld.

**Emergency Service Injuries:** None

**Special Circumstances:** Difficult access to the victim, only access was through the topside of the truck. Slippery, snow squalls moving through, and parking area not plowed out. Initial address was incorrect.

**Property Loss:** N/A

**Property Saved:** N/A

**Incident Commander:** Battalion Chief Bob Beaudet

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